

EXTENSIONS OF REMARKS

IN HONOR OF ANNE HUGHES,
PH.D., RN

HON. JACKIE SPEIER

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, October 20, 2021

Ms. SPEIER. Madam Speaker, I rise today along with Speaker NANCY PELOSI to pay tribute to a registered nurse and leader in health care for marginalized people, specifically people with AIDS and the impoverished. Anne Hughes, Ph.D., RN was born in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania in 1953 and studied nursing there at Gwynedd Mercy College. She went on to Boston College to receive her Master's Degree and then to the University of Washington in Seattle. She received a Ph.D. in nursing from the University of California, San Francisco, in 2007.

Dr. Hughes died earlier this year after more than 30 years of service to San Francisco's public health hospitals. She worked at San Francisco General Hospital as a clinical nurse specialist; hospice nurse and on the HIV/AIDS unit. From 1987 to 2000, at the height of the epidemic, she provided compassionate care when HIV/AIDS was highly stigmatized because it affected primarily gay men. She began in an era when few in the country knew much about this disease.

Dr. Hughes was a soft-spoken leader known for her kindness to patients, and colleagues. She also served beyond San Francisco and helped found the American Association of Nurses in AIDS CARE, serving as President of the organization in its early years. Dr. Hughes used her clinical expertise and served as the first co-editor of the "Core Curriculum for Nurses in HIV/AIDS Care," a major undertaking with over 102 contributors.

In 2000, Dr. Hughes left San Francisco General to work at San Francisco's Laguna Honda Hospital, the largest skilled nursing facility in the country. Her doctoral study research focused on how poor and homeless people die in San Francisco. She brought her knowledge of the emerging field of palliative care and her hospice experience to Laguna Honda. She was the first nurse selected to be a department director. She served on San Francisco's End of Life Task Force, an interdisciplinary, inter-health system group that sought to improve care throughout San Francisco.

Dr. Hughes wrote numerous chapters and articles on HIV/AIDS, hospice care and palliative care. She was elected to, and served on, the board of the national Hospice and Palliative Care Nurses Association. Her many accomplishments won her an invitation to be inducted as a Fellow into the American Academy of Nursing.

As I close these remarks, let me offer Speaker PELOSI's and my condolences to her wife, Marilyn Dodd, Ph.D. RN, and to her extended family. The requirements of a public health professional likely cost Dr. Hughes many hours that might otherwise have been

devoted to family and friends. In their grief they can take comfort from the reality that her hours were spent in heroic work, tending to the needs of those who, many times, had few others who would acknowledge their humanity. They can justifiably be proud of all that she achieved in her professional life.

Dr. Hughes gave us a wonderful example of what public service can mean to this nation. Our nation now extends to her this acknowledgement, in its chronicle of the proceedings of Congress. We hope that other stories and facts related herein today will rise to the outstanding example of duty and honor demonstrated by the life of Dr. Hughes.

HONORING ROB WEISS

HON. MIKE THOMPSON

OF CALIFORNIA

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Mr. THOMPSON of California. Madam Speaker, I rise today to honor Rob S. Weiss in recognition of his 25-year career at Mentis, Napa's oldest non-profit organization dedicated to providing affordable bilingual mental health services.

Born and raised in Los Angeles, California, Mr. Weiss earned his bachelor's degree in sociology from the University of California, Los Angeles (UCLA) in 1989. He then entered UCLA's Master of Social Welfare (MSW) program, where he received his graduate degree in social welfare in 1995 and became a licensed clinical social worker. Early in his career, Mr. Weiss discovered a passion for helping those struggling with their emotional and mental health. In 1996, Mr. Weiss began working at Mentis, providing therapy and supportive structure for adults living with mental illness. As a result of Mr. Weiss' dedication and service, he was promoted first to clinical director and then to executive director of the agency in 2011. His tireless work and stewardship of the agency is reflected in the growth of the population Mentis serves each year, which has grown from a few hundred people a year to over 3,500 individuals.

In addition to aiding those with mental health illnesses, Mr. Weiss has dedicated time to support youth through coaching youth sports. His holistic philosophy to coaching has provided hundreds of young athletes with the mental and emotional skills to face challenges both on and off the court.

Mr. Weiss' numerous leadership roles include serving on the Providence Queen of the Valley Medical Center's Committee on Community Benefits to measure progress of the Center's community outreach health initiatives. Mr. Weiss has also served on the Adventist Health Community Health Needs Assessment Steering Committee to better understand the needs of his community. He is a member of both the Napa County Aging Population Initiative, a group dedicated to supporting older adults in Napa County, and the Community

Leaders Coalition, a group that supports vulnerable populations in Napa County.

Madam Speaker, it is evident that Mr. Weiss has worked endlessly to serve the most vulnerable individuals in our community. Therefore, it is fitting and proper that we honor him here today.

CONGRATULATING LEWISTOWN'S
"MUSIC IN THE PARK" FOR RECEIVING THE 2020 GOVERNOR'S
HOMETOWN PROJECT AWARD

HON. CHERI BUSTOS

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mrs. BUSTOS. Madam Speaker, I rise today to recognize the residents of Lewistown, Illinois for their weekly community event, "Music in the Park."

Each Thursday night during the summer, Lewistown residents bring lawn chairs and blankets to the town square to listen to local musicians perform as a part of "Music in the Park." This event has been a vital place of gathering and community and a safe and positive outlet for human connection during the COVID-19 pandemic.

It is because of gatherings such as "Music in the Park" and their organizers that I am especially proud to serve Illinois' 17th Congressional District. Madam Speaker, I would like to again formally recognize Lewistown, IL for their community event, "Music in the Park."

CONGRATULATING CRAIG BRANDENBURG ON HIS RETIREMENT

HON. ALEXANDER X. MOONEY

OF WEST VIRGINIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

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Mr. MOONEY. Madam Speaker, I rise today to congratulate Craig Brandenburg, a true public servant, on his retirement following five decades within the federal government.

The majority of Craig's career was spent as a civilian employee within the United States Navy. Most recently he has served as the Director of Business Operations for Logistics, Maintenance, and Industrial Operations at Naval Sea Systems Command. In this capacity he has been responsible for policy development, mission direction, program execution, operation and evaluation of naval ship life cycle logistics, information systems, and corporate leadership of the Naval Shipyards, and Supervisors of Shipbuilding. You could say he has come a long way from his beginnings with the federal government as a typist with the National Archives in the 1970s.

Throughout his long career, Craig has championed cutting-edge ideas, coordinated Navy-wide support of sailor's and their family's needs, and overseen a variety of efforts to include billion dollar programs. Thanks to his

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